

## 8. Early Schools

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Go to the Tassajara One-Room School Program with your class. **Answer these questions:**

1. How is this school different from your modern third grade class?
2. What do you like better about the one-room school?
3. How many stars were in the American flag in 1888?
4. What was your favorite game at the One-Room School?

Draw a picture of the Tassajara School.



**Tassajara Grammar School**

# 9. David and Eliza Glass House

Date \_\_\_\_\_

The Glass House at Forest Home Farms Historic Park was built in 1877. Visit the two-story house and historic windmill at 19953 San Ramon Valley Blvd. **Answer these questions:**

1. How old is the Glass House?
2. How did the Glass House get its name?
3. Notice the windmill. Why did people in the past need a windmill?
4. What happens to the water after it is brought to the surface by the windmill?
5. Draw a picture of the windmill.

If possible, have your photograph taken at the House and clip it to the page.



# 7. Early Pioneers

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Visit the Alamo Cemetery, 130 El Portal. For a group tour reservation, call 837-3750. Locate the grave sites of as many of the following pioneers as possible. **Next to each name write down the pioneer's date of birth and date of death.**

Ruby M. Podva on main path

Albert Ward Stone on main path

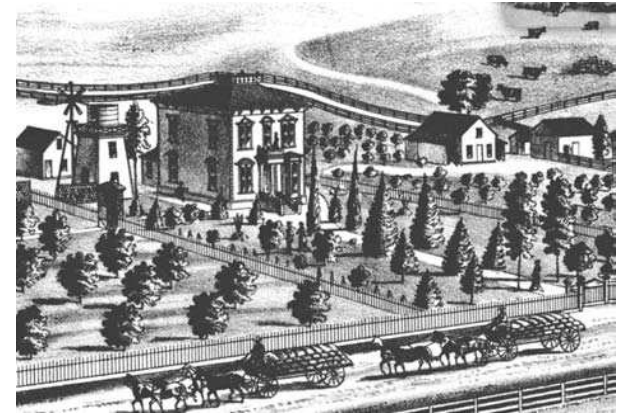
James Boone on main path

Travis & Ruth Boone on main path

Francisco Noia on main path

Robert O. Baldwin on Verbena (to left)

Charlotte Wood one path past Geranium (to right)



**David and Eliza Glass House**

# 10. Agriculture ~~ Forest Home Farms Historic Park

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Go to Forest Home Farms Historic Park which is located at 19953 San Ramon Valley Blvd. in San Ramon. You will be able to do some canning.

## Answer the following questions:

1. Who lived at the farm?
2. Name three buildings on the farm and tell what each one is used for today.
3. What crop was processed at the farm?
4. What fruits and vegetables were canned in the 1800s?

If possible, have your picture taken at the farm or draw a picture of a building.



## 6. Mission and Rancho Times

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Go to the Museum of the San Ramon Valley (205 Railroad Ave., Danville) and **look at the wooden brick mold and the branding iron**. Adobe bricks were used to build Mission San Jose and Mexican rancho buildings.

The branding iron with a "J" stands for Mission San Jose. Cattle brands are used to mark cattle and indicate ownership, so others cannot claim to own the cattle.

If you had a herd of cattle, think about what brand you would use to make sure no one took your cattle. **Would you use your initials or would you use some other design?**

**Draw a picture of your cattle brand.**



**Travis and Ruth Boone House**

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# 11. Transportation

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Go to the Museum of the San Ramon Valley (205 Railroad Ave., Danville) and look at the railroad display on the Ticket Office wall. **Answer the following questions:**

1. When did the San Ramon Branch Line open?
2. There was a depot in Danville and one in San Ramon. What kind of depot was in Alamo?
3. When did passenger travel stop in the SR Valley?
4. When did trains stop running in the SR Valley?
5. What was built instead of the tracks?
6. What is the Danville depot today?

If possible, have your picture taken in front of the depot and clip it to the page.

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**Mission San Jose**

# 5. Spanish Explorers

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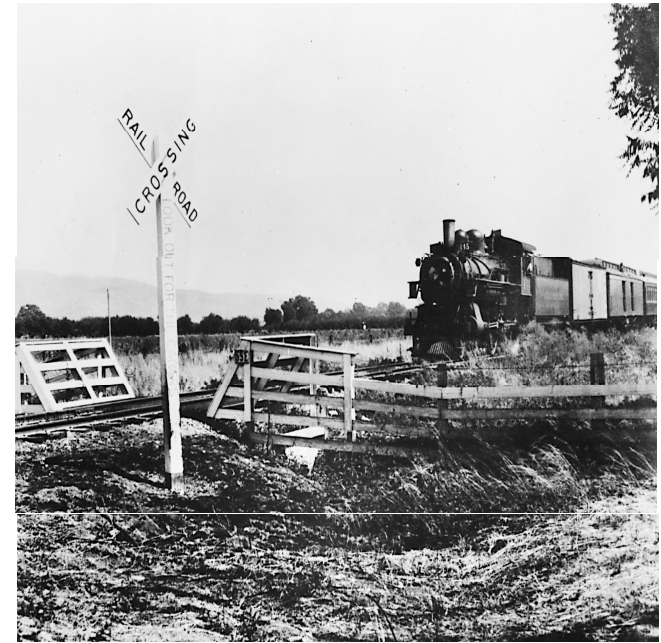
Go to the Fages-Crespi historical plaque which recalls the first Spanish expedition to travel through the San Ramon Valley. It is at the SE corner of Danville Blvd. and El Portal on the border between Alamo and Danville.

## Answer the following questions:

1. What were the Spanish explorers looking for?
2. When were they here?
3. Who was in the expedition?
- 4 What did they do here?

On the opposite page do a rubbing of the name "Pedro Fages."

If possible, have your picture taken in front of the plaque and clip it to this page.



# 12. Modern Alamo ~~ Parks

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Go to Livorna Park, at the corner of Livorna Rd. and Miranda Ave. in Alamo and **answer these questions:**

1. What do you like to do in the park?
2. What do grandparents like to do in a park?
3. Are there certain sports that may be played at this park?
4. Who operates Livorna Park?

Draw a map of Livorna Park.

If possible, get a picture taken by the park sign and clip it to this page.





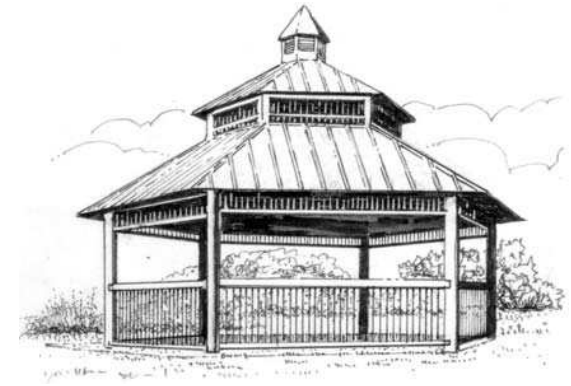
## 4. Indians of the Valley

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Visit Hap Magee Ranch Park at 1025 La Gonda Way in Danville-Alamo. Walk next to the Canine Corral, along the creek bank. Locate the Bay Miwok Tatcan Indian commemorative plaque.

**Do a rubbing** on the opposite page of the second paragraph on the plaque.

Look around you and write one sentence on this topic:  
why you think this would be a good place for  
Indians to live?



If possible, have your picture taken at the site and clip it to this page.

# 13. Modern Danville ~~ Parks

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Go to Osage Station Park, 816 Brookside Dr. in Danville. Notice the plaque near the snack building on the north side of the park and **answer these questions:**

1. What do you like to do in the park?
2. What do grandparents like to do in a park?
3. Are there certain sports that may be played at this park?
4. How did Osage Station get its name?

Draw a map of Osage Station Park.

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### 3. Geography of the Valley

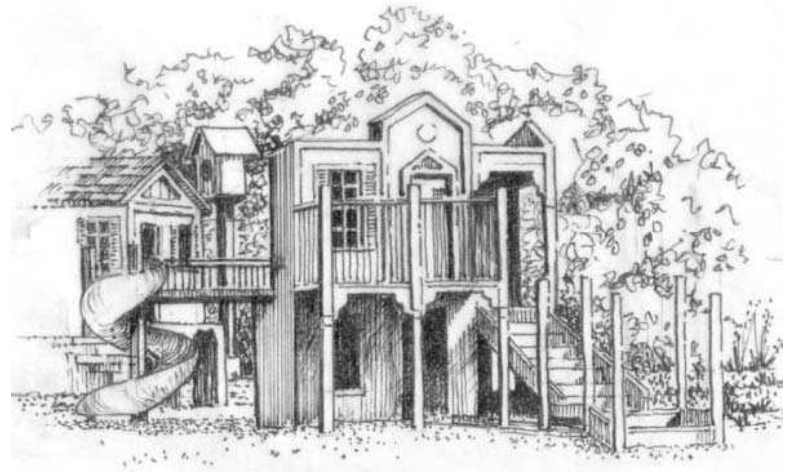
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Go to Las Trampas Regional Wilderness staging area. Take Crow Canyon Rd. west and turn north (right) on Bollinger Canyon Rd. Drive to the staging area at the end. Read the interpretive panels at the staging area.

**Answer the following questions:**

1. How many acres are in Las Trampas Regional Park?
2. What can you and your family do here?
3. What animals might you see?
4. What plants might you see?
5. What creek runs through Las Trampas Park?
7. What would you like to do with your family at Las Trampas Park?

If possible, have your picture taken in the park and clip it to this page.



# 14. Modern San Ramon ~~ Parks

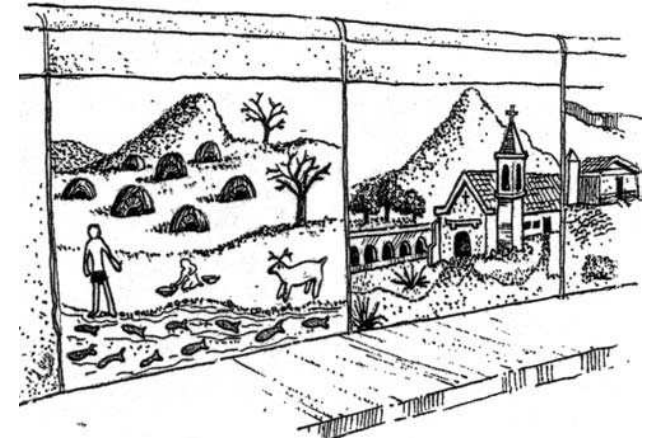
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Go to San Ramon Central Park, 12501 Alcosta Blvd., corner of Bollinger Canyon Rd., in San Ramon and **answer these questions:**

1. What would you like to do in the park?
2. What could be added to the park for very young children?
3. What sports may be played at this park?
4. Why do you think they named this park Central Park?
5. What is a rule you have to follow if you are going to use the skateboard area?

Draw a map of San Ramon Central Park.

If possible, get a picture taken by the park sign and clip it to this page.



## **History Wall Gateway Centre**

21001 San Ramon Valley Blvd.  
Created by Anthony M. Guzzardo & Assoc.  
Date Installed: 1995

## 2. Where is the San Ramon Valley?

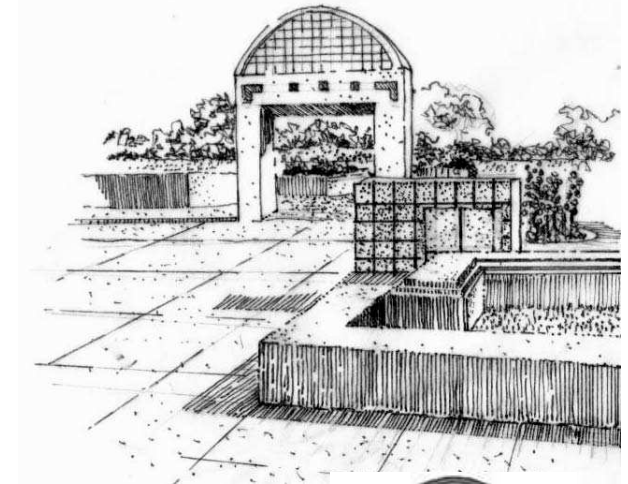
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Go to the Gateway Centre History Wall, 21001 San Ramon Valley Blvd. (at Alcosta Blvd.) and locate a tile wall behind the hedge facing the sidewalk between Lucky and Walgreen.

### Answer the following questions:

1. What is the name of a fruit that was important to the San Ramon Valley?
2. What was the name of the railroad that operated in the San Ramon Valley in 1891?
3. When did the first school come to the Valley?
4. When did the first San Ramon Post Office open?
5. Name the Indian tribes that lived in the Valley.
6. What was the name of the closest mission to the San Ramon Valley?
7. When did San Ramon become a city?

If possible, have your picture taken in front of the history wall and clip it to the opposite page.



## Other places to visit and learn about local history

### **Dublin Heritage Park and Museums**

6600 Donlon Way  
Dublin, CA. 925-452-2101

### **Eugene O'Neill National Historic Site**

Saturday tours open to public at 10, 12, 2.  
Docent tours by reservation on Fri & Sun  
at 10 am and 1:00 pm; call 925-838-0249

### **Forest Home Farms Historic Park**

19953 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon  
925-973-3284

### **Lindsay Wildlife Museum**

1931 First St.  
Walnut Creek, CA 925-935-1978

### **Museums at Blackhawk**

3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle  
Danville, CA 925-736-2277

### **Mt. Diablo State Park Summit Museum**

Call for open hours 925-837-2525

### **Oakland Museum of California**

History, Natural Sciences, Art  
1000 Oak St.  
Oakland, CA 510-238-2000



**Saber-tooth cat**

# 1. Prehistoric San Ramon Valley

## Notes

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Go to the Museum of the San Ramon Valley (205 Railroad Ave., Danville, Open Tue-Fri 1-4, Sat. 10-1, Sun 12-3) and look at the mastodon jaw, the drawings on the wall and the narrative frieze.

**Find the jaw of the mastodon and answer the following questions:**

1. How old is the mastodon?
2. Where was it found?
3. What other prehistoric animals lived in the San Ramon Valley?

Draw a sketch of one of the prehistoric animals which lived in the San Ramon Valley on the opposite page.

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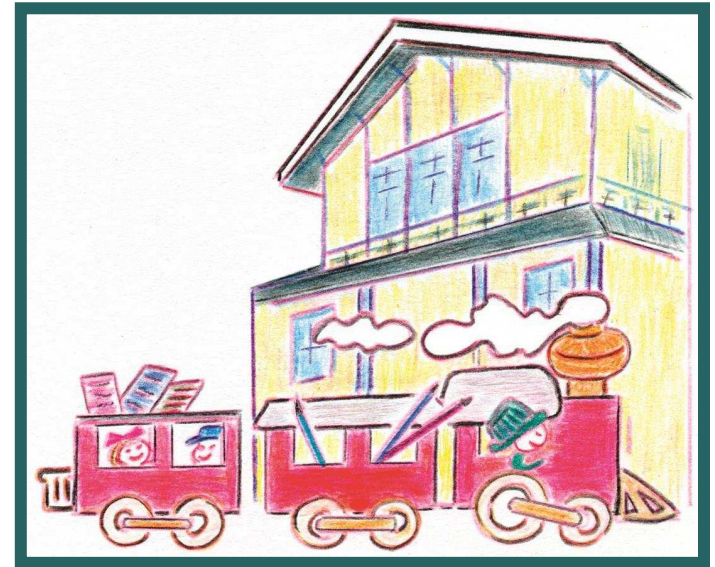
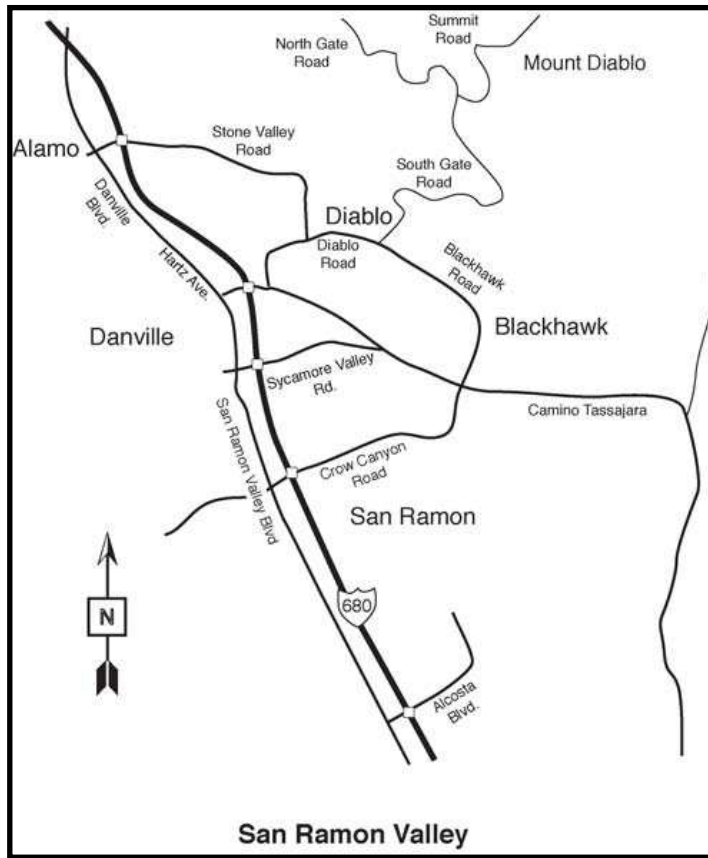
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